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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

using a portable communication device with a camera and a display unit therein,
to obtain an image of a bar code;

receiving and displaying, on said display unit of said portable communication device, information obtained from a remote server, which information indicates information based on a meaning that was represented by the barcode, said meaning being additional information beyond that which was present in the barcode;

using said portable communication device to make a telephone call;

using a processor within said portable communication device to determine sizes of black bars and white spaces within the image of the barcode, to obtain numerical information indicative of the spacing within the barcode without obtaining said meaning of the content of the barcode represented by said numerical information; and

using said portable communication device for sending said numerical information indicative of the bar code to said remote server without obtaining the meaning of the content of the barcode in said portable communication device.

19. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 18, further comprising:

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~~using a portable communication device with a camera and a display unit therein,
to obtain an image of a bar code;~~

~~receiving and displaying, on said display unit of said portable communication
device, information obtained from a remote server, which information indicates
information based on a meaning that was represented by the barcode, said meaning
being additional information beyond that which was present in the barcode;~~

~~using a processor in said portable communication device to determine edge
spaces defining edges of the barcode within the image, by finding spaces within the
image that are larger than an allowable space between elements of the barcode, and
which spaces define edges of the barcode;~~

~~using the processor to determine sizes of black bars and white spaces defining
barcode portions within the image between the edge spaces, and to form numerical
information indicative of said sizes without obtaining said meaning of the content of the
barcode portions represented by said numerical information in the processor;~~

~~using said portable communication device to make a telephone call;~~

~~using said portable communication device for sending information indicative of
the numerical information indicative of said bar code to a remote server without
obtaining said meaning of the content of the barcode portions in said portable
communication device; and~~

~~at a different time than said telephone call or said sending information indicative
of said bar code, using said camera to obtain a video~~

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Claims 20-27 (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 18, wherein said bar code is a dual type bar code, with a first a part that is interpreted by a first bar code scanning process to obtain first information and a second part which is interpreted by a second bar code scanning process to obtain second information that has more information than first information.

29. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 28, wherein said first part is a linear bar code and said second part is a non-linear bar code.

30. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 28, wherein said first process is a scan in a first direction and said second process is a scan in a second direction.

31. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 28, wherein said second part is one of grayscale or color of the bar code.

Claims 32-47 (Cancelled)

48. (Withdrawn) A method, comprising:
using a portable telephone which includes a camera therein, at a first time to make a telephone call;

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using the camera in the telephone at a second time to take a video; and
using the camera in the telephone at a third time to obtain an image of a
barcode, to obtain information indicative of the barcode by using a processor in said
portable communication device to determine spaces within the image that are larger
than an allowable space between elements that define the barcode, using detection of
said space to define edges of the barcode; using the processor to determine numerical
information indicative of sizes of bar portions within the image between the spaces, said
information obtained from said barcode representing a pointer to a database, and
displaying information on the display of the portable telephone that is indicative of the
content from the database as obtained from said barcode without.

49. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 18, wherein said barcode is
part of an advertisement, and said information obtained from said remote server
represents more information about the advertisement.

50. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 19, wherein said wherein said
using comprises using the portable communication device to scan an advertisement,
and wherein said information based on said numerical information indicative of the
barcode that is received from the remote server represents more information about the
advertisement.

51. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 48, wherein said using the camera at a
third time comprises obtaining an image of a barcode from an advertisement, and

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wherein said information on the display of the portable telephone is indicative of more information about the advertisement.

52. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 18, wherein said barcode is associated with an event, and said information obtained from said remote server represents more information about the event.

53. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 19, wherein said wherein said using comprises using the portable communication device to scan information indicative of an event, and wherein said information based on said numerical information indicative of the barcode that is received from the remote server represents more information about the event.

54. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 48, wherein said using the camera at a third time comprises obtaining an image, and wherein said information on the display of the portable telephone is indicative of information about an event.

55. (Withdrawn) A method, comprising:
first using a portable device to obtain information indicative of only a portion of total bar code information from an item that has multiple different items of barcode information encoded thereon;

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using a processor in said portable communication device to determine information from said bar code, wherein said information includes only a portion of said total bar code information;

using said portable communication device for sending information indicative of said only a portion of said bar code to a remote server ;

receiving and displaying, on the display unit of said portable device, information that is based on said barcode being used to look up information in said remote server, said information which is displayed being information received from said remote server.

56. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 55, further comprising at another time, other than the time of said first using, using another device to obtain information from another part of the bar code.

57. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 55, wherein said portable device is a monochrome bar code scanner.

58. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 18, wherein said content of the barcode is a pointer to a remote database, and said content is decoded to determine information indicative of said pointer, and said meaning is received from said remote database based on said pointer.

59. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 19, wherein said content of the barcode is a pointer to a remote database, and said content is decoded to determine

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information indicative of said pointer, and said meaning is received from said remote database based on said pointer.